Dates to Remember

**March**

- Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st}  Whole School Athletics Day
- Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd}  No school for ALL Foundation Students
- Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd}  F-2 Incursion - Responsible Pet Ownership
  School Banking
- Friday 4\textsuperscript{th}  Clean Up School Day
- Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th}  No school for ALL Foundation Students
- Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th}  World Vision Crazy T-shirt Day – gold coin
  School Banking
- Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th}  No school for ALL Foundation Students
- Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th}  School Banking
- Monday 21\textsuperscript{st}  Alpha School Dental School Visit
- Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd}  Alpha School Dental School Visit
- Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd}  Foundation Students Attend Full Day
Thursday 24th  Last Day Term 1 – 2:30pm Dismissal
No School Banking today

Friday 25th  Good Friday

Sunday 27th  Easter Sunday

April

Monday 11th  First Day of Term 2. School commences 9.00am
Personal Learning Plans

This term teachers will be preparing Personal Learning Plans for all students who are operating outside the expected level. Parents will be contacted if your child is below expected level for literacy and/or numeracy.

EDEC Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all that attended the EDEC swimming sports on Tuesday, I heard that you all did an amazing job and gave it your very best. Good luck to the following students that made it to the Division Swimming Championships:

- Cody Cummins – Backstroke
- Lachlan Kilner – Butterfly
- Gemma Baguley – Freestyle & Butterfly
- Abbey Rozenboom – Breastroke
- Tanesha Gelestopoulos, Abbey Rozenboom, Paige Baguley & Gemma Baguley – Freestyle Relay
- Tanesha Gelestopoulos, Abbey Rozenboom, Paige Baguley & Gemma Baguley – Medley Relay

House Sports

The House Sports will be held on Tuesday 1st March at Mountain Road Reserve. Please keep that day free as we would love your help!

Student Banking

It was great to see so many of the students bring their bank deposit books in this week to start their savings $$. Every Thursday Morning banking will be collected and returned to you by the following Monday. If your child does not have an account with the Bendigo Bank and you wish to open one, just pop into the branch and they will be more than happy to help. When you open the account be sure to nominate Cockatoo Primary School and we will receive $10 for every new account. Happy Savings

Breakfast Club

This fantastic service operates every school day and provides toast and a cup of milo for any student who still feels a bit hungry in the mornings. The program does rely on volunteer parents to provide this service for our students. If you are available to help serve breakfast from approximately 8.15am on any day of the school week, please contact the office. Thanks to the parents who have purchased spreads or milo and the bakery for supplying the bread. We are very grateful.
A very big thank you to all those parents who organised their children's student charges for 2016 before school commenced. We still have a number of outstanding student charges and it would be appreciated if these could be finalised as soon as possible. As always in cases of financial difficulties we ask that you contact the office to discuss a payment plan by Friday 19th February.

**Items Parents Need to Supply –**

**ART SMOCKS & A SHARE/LIBRARY BAG**
The only items parents need to supply are an Art smock, (an old shirt or T-Shirt is fine), for every child and SHARE/Library bag for ALL Grade 1 & Grade 2 students, last year’s is okay.

**MEDICATIONS**

Sometimes your children may require medication during school hours. If this is the case we require you to fill in a form with the child's name, grade, dose, name of medication and time to be administered. Also the dates this medication is to be given.

*A copy of this form can be picked up from the front office.*

*Please hand ALL medications into the Office.*
ASTHMA & ALLERGY
SUFFERS

If your child suffers with asthma or has an allergy that requires medication, please make sure the Office has a supply of the medication that is in date.

Asthma and Allergy Plans

If your child has an allergy or suffers with asthma, they should bring home a form to fill in regarding an individual treatment plan if they have an unexpected severe attack.

Please discuss these forms with your doctor and return them to the school as soon as possible.

If your child requires any medication for allergies e.g., Claratyne or Zyrtec this treatment must be signed by the doctor.

Anaphylaxis

For some reason allergies in children are on the rise.

At this school we do have children with allergies. A couple of our students are highly allergic to peanuts and they do have an epipen for treatment of this condition.

We ask that all parents talk to their children about sharing food etc. as this could be life threatening to the children concerned.

The main allergies are PEANUTS, eggs, kiwi fruit, cow’s milk and cheese.

Personal Details

A huge thank you to those parents who have returned their details so quickly. We have had a really good response!

To those parents who haven’t returned them please fill them out tonight and return them ASAP.

Changes over the Year

If you change your place of employment or mobile phone number etc. during the year please contact the Office straight away so we can update your child’s records.
PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS & INCURSIONS ETC.

DON’T LET YOUR CHILDREN MISS OUT!!!!

To prevent your child missing out on an incursion or excursion, please make sure ALL payments are made by the due date, which is usually the day before the event (unless otherwise specified) so money can be processed and permission forms returned to the teachers. Please ensure that the permission form and money are handed in together to avoid missing forms and or money.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following students and staff a very Happy Birthday.

Students:
- Dermot Flint
- Ciara Bestenbruer
- Alex Polidoros
- Zach Polidoros
- Kynan Bennett

Staff:
- Sam Ladner
- Gayle Morison
What’s happening next week……

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**To Contact O.S.H.C. call the School Office**
on 5968 8017 between 8.30am and 4.30pm
or ring 0408 566 957 or 5968 0256
at all other times. Enrolment Forms
For 2015 are available at the office or Out of School Hours Care

**SICK BAY DUTY**

04.03.2016  Natalie Reid
18.03.2016  Melanie Maher
01.04.2016  Sarah Arrowsmith

**RETURN SLIP**

**SICK BAY HELPERS WANTED**

Dear Parents,
If you are willing to help the school by stripping the beds, making them and washing the linen from the Sick Bay on a Friday and returning the linen the next week, please complete this slip so that we can make up a roster for the year.

I am willing to be on the Sick Bay Roster.

Name: ........................................
Phone: .................................
Eldest Child: ..............................
Grade: ............

04.03.2016  Natalie Reid
18.03.2016  Melanie Maher
01.04.2016  Sarah Arrowsmith
Friday 4th March  Melanie Maher

Help Required for 2015

If you can help with Canteen Duty this year, please fill in the return slip in the newsletter with your preferred days and frequency.

Canteen News

Discontinued:
The following items are out of stock until further notice.

- Anacondas have been discontinued and have been replaced with Mega Snakes $1.00 each
- Raspberry Licorice Straps are discontinued

Reminder

We are receiving New Zealand coins as payment for purchases, NO foreign currency can be accepted as the bank does not accept it therefore it is a loss for the school.

QKR – Please direct all questions about QKR and prices to the office staff.
Menu – A new menu is in progress….Watch this space!!

We would like to thank our continued support from:
Cockatoo IGA and Cockatoo Bakery
1 DAY MEAT SALE

Thursday 10th March 2016

Offers only available at Belgrave Sth, Bunyip, Cockatoo, Foster, Lang Lang, Pearcedale, San Remo & Upwey

- Australian Chicken Breast Fillets
  (Skin on, Minimum Buy 1.25kg)
  $6.99 kg
  ...SAVE $5.00...

- Australian Premium Rump Steak
  (Sliced, Minimum Buy 1.25kg)
  $7.99 kg
  ...SAVE $12.00...

- Australian Premium Beef Mince
  (Minimum Buy 1.25kg)
  $5.99 kg
  ...SAVE $6.00...

- Australian Pork Leg Roast
  (Bone In)
  $4.99 kg
  ...SAVE $7.00...

- Australian Pre-Packed Chicken Drumsticks 2kg Bag
  2KG BAG
  ...SAVE $6.00...

- Australian Legs of Lamb
  $7.99 kg
  ...SAVE $4.50...

- Primo Middle Bacon Rashers
  ...SAVE $5.00...

Offers only available at the following stores:

- Belgrave Sth
  10 Belgrave-Hallam Road, 9784 5203

- Bunyip
  2-6 Main Street, 5629 0722

- Cockatoo
  64 Main Street, 5629 2851

- Foster
  8-12 Wellsport Rd, 5697 1664

- Lang Lang
  124 Main Rd, 5976 7222

- Pearcedale
  37-39 Main Rd, 5678 5339

- San Remo
  18 Marine Parade, 9784 8813

- Upwey
  10-14 Main Street, 9784 8013

Specials available one day only, Thursday 10th March 2016. While stocks last. Limit rights reserved. No rainchecks.

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PFA Page

* PFA Food Stall at the Cockatoo Country Market Sat 5th March 3-8pm
* Spinning Wheel / Out of Uniform / Grocery Day – Friday 11th March
* School Carnival Saturday 19th March 12 – 6pm

PFA will be running a food stall at the **Cockatoo Country Market Twilight Birthday Market** on **Saturday 5th March** between 3-8pm. We will be selling freshly cooked corn cobs, jacket potatoes with coleslaw, cheese, bacon and sour cream, steamed dim sims, cold drinks and fairy floss. Please come and visit us at the Cockatoo Country Market, grab your dinner and enjoy the live music and lots of free family activities available 😊😊😊

**Can you help us** at the Cockatoo Country Market on Saturday 5th March? If you can come along and help out on our stall for a few hours, please send a note in to the Office.

Cockatoo Primary School PFA have been busy planning lots of exciting things for this year’s **Carnival on Saturday the 19th March**. Lots of fantastic Rides (including a Rock Climbing Wall, the Biggest Slide in the Southern Hemisphere, a Bungy Run, Pedestal Jousting, Super Strike, Big Splash etc), Games for the Whole Family, Face Painting, Spinning Wheel, Hot Donuts, Lucky Dips, Show Bags, Yummy Food, Raffle prizes drawn every ½ hour, Cockatoo Idol, Market Stalls plus lots more……………. This year the Carnival will run from **12pm ‘til 6pm**. Our Carnival Signs have been sponsored by **Stockdale and Leggo in Emerald**. We have a **Monster Raffle** once again this year with donations from many local & distant businesses. We have lots of items & vouchers to give away every ½ hour in the raffle this year. **Tickets sell for $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00**. Sheets of Raffle Tickets have been sent home. Additional tickets are available from the Office.

All Families were sent a Donation Request Letter earlier this week. If you know of a business who would be **able to make a donation to our Carnival**, please give them this letter. All donations will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

**What Is The 5c “A – Thon”?**

The 5c Challenge encourages everyone to bring in as many 5c pieces as you can find lying around the house, in the car, fallen between the seats in the lounge etc. (with parents/carers permission of course!)

**Would you like to see Iona get dunked??**

Iona has agreed to have a turn if we can raise $2000.00…. there has already been a lot of money pledged to dunk Iona, so bring along your .5c pieces and put them in the jar in your classroom. The **grade that raises the most money to dunk Iona will win a “hot chip lunch day” for their whole grade.**

Please bring along your .5c pieces to put in the jar in your grade, we really, really, really want to dunk Iona….. 😊😊
You can purchase Ride Bands for the Carnival from the Office at the discounted price of $25.00. If you buy your ride bands from the Office BEFORE the Carnival they will be at a greatly reduced price. This will give you Unlimited rides all day long. If you purchase your ride bands on the day they cost more ($35.00) ….. What great value, free rides all day long from 12 midday 'til 5.30pm. If you buy individual ride tickets on the day they are far more expensive at $5.00 each. There are rides to suit all age groups this year 😊

School Carnival - Spinning Wheel - Out of Uniform Day

There will be a “School Carnival - Spinning Wheel - Out Of Uniform Day” on Friday 11th March. Students can wear free dress to School in exchange for a grocery / pantry item or items to the value of $2.00 …….. items could include canned goods, packets of pasta or biscuits, jars of food, sauce, jams and spreads, packet cakes, dried fruit, breakfast cereals, tea, coffee, milo, sugar, flour etc. All items must have use by dates until at least 30.06.2016. No fresh ingredients such as bread or milk please.

Please send grocery item or enclose $2.00 payment and return to the Office by Friday 11th March.

To all our Home Chefs out there….. if you’re into making preserves, jams, chutneys, sauces, pickles etc please set aside a few bottles / jars of your produce for our Carnival this year. We plan to have a “homemade” stall and we would really appreciate your donation. We’re already off to a good start with a few home-made preserves, but we need lots, lots more. We also need cakes, slices, cookies, and anything else yummy you or your friends and family can make for our “homemade treats” stall.

Do you want to enter Cockatoo Idol at the Carnival? Have you started practicing your act? You need to fill out the Booking Form available at the Office and sent home with the Carnival Rosters. Each participant in Idol will need to pay a $3.00 application fee with their Booking Form.

Do you have any old crockery at home??????

We need old plates both large and small, bowls, cups, saucers and mugs for a stall at the Carnival this year.

We don’t want your good crockery….. we want the old chipped or cracked stuff (not broken please). Send it into School, or drop it in to the Office.

Does anyone have any cricket balls they can donate to School? They don’t need to be new, just as long as they are still intact. Cricket balls are required for an exciting game / stall at this year’s Carnival, and we need approximately 20. Please send them along to the Office.

Thanks!

Rosters will be sent home soon.

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Saturday 5th March 3-8pm
1st Birthday Twilight Market


COCKATOO PRIMARY SCHOOL

ABSENCE NOTE

Name of Student: .................................................................
Date of Absence: ........../....... to ........../........../........
Name of Grade Teacher: ......................................................
Reason for Absence:

- Fire Plan Activation
- Medical Appointment
- Illness
- Dental Appointment
- Head Lice
- Parent Choice (Family Reasons)
- Holiday
- Hospital Admission

- [ ] Other - Please list ..........................................................

Signature of Parent or Guardian: ..............................................
Date: ........../........./........

It is the parent’s responsibility to inform the school of the reason for a student’s absence. A satisfactory reason must be given; otherwise it will become a matter for the School Attendance Officer to deal with. Relevant legislation: The Education Act 1988 section 53(3), Community Services Act 1970 section 74(b), 74(c), 74(g).
FUN DAY
Saturday
5th March 2-5pm

Meet Our Coach Deb Carr
Free Mini Lessons, Cardio workouts and fun activities
Watch demo matches being played
Inspect The Club Room and Facilities

Juniors @ 2-3pm
Seniors @ 3:30-5pm

Test your ball speed on court with our radar gun
Join in the fun for a chance to win prizes
Come and check us out

At
Cockatoo Tennis Courts
McBride St - behind the Bowls Club
Kmotion
@ St Lukes

An Afterschool Program
full of fun, games & prizes

Thursdays 3:30 – 5:30PM
1 McBride St Cockatoo

Free

Open to all
Foundation to Grade 6

4 weeks
3rd 10th
17th 24th March

HCSI
Hills Community Strengthening Initiative

Anglicare
Victoria

Echo
Youth and Family Services
Qkr! is coming to Cockatoo Primary School

The new Qkr! app is now up and running here at Cockatoo Primary School. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply scan the QR code on the left using the Qkr! Code scanner or type COCKATOOP after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!, and then the app will always recognise you as part of Cockatoo Primary School in future to make payments even easier. You can purchase ADD WHAT YOU WANT HERE from the commencement of Term 1 2016 using Qkr! to make payments immediately, so why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr! - all feedback to the school office is very welcome. More information will follow – both this year and next.

SCAN THIS CODE ON Qkr!